

PHILATELY

CONGO

The very last issue from the Congolese Post for 1968 has been belatedly devoted to the Games in Mexico. The four "airmail" values are as follows: 5 francs (running), 20 francs (football), 60 francs (boxing) and 85 francs (high jump). The designs and engravings are signed by Jacques COMBET.

ETHIOPIA

On the opening day of the XVth Summer Games, 250,000 sets of five Olympic stamps were issued. The sports represented are athletics, football, boxing, basketball and cycling.

GERMANY

A second series of four Olympic stamps will be coming out this year, in June. The first series issued last year on June 6th were representing eminent Olympic personalities. The funds obtained, thanks to the surtax gained on these stamps, contribute to the financing of the preparations for the Games in Munich.

ISRAEL

At the time of the Games for the physically handicapped the Israeli Post issued a stamp. (First day of issue: 6th November 1968).

LEBANON

The Lebanese Post issued five stamps on 24th October, 1968, "airmail", on the occasion of the Games in Mexico. In addition to the five Olympic rings, and the sport motif (long jump, high jump, fencing, weightlifting, yachting), these stamps comprise a reproduction of a cultural Mexican work. Values: 5 p., 10 p., 15 p., and 25 p.

MALDIVE ISLANDS

The 12th October was the first day of issue of four values, representing disc-throwing, running, track cycling and basketball. Theme: The Games in Mexico.

MONGOLIA

During the month of October, issue of six stamps, having for its theme the Games in Mexico.

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

The ancient Games of the Pharoos have inspired the designer of the two stamps issued to commemorate the Games of Mexico.

First day of issue: 1st November 1968

Number printed : 1 million of 20M., 500,000 of 30M.

SWITZERLAND

On February 13th there will be a 50 centime stamp issued to commemorate the V^e *Gymnaestrada* of Basle. Due to the initiative of the Dutch gymnastics master L.F.H. SOMMER, the *Gymnaestrada* is a world festival of gymnastics, that took place for the first time in 1953, and has since taken place every four years, after the Olympic Games, placed under the patronage of the International Gymnastics Federation, and this festival will take place in Basle from 1st to 5th July. The emblem of the *Gymnaestrada* reproduced on the stamp is due to a designer from Basle, Herbert LEUPIN.

UMM- AL- QUIWAIN

The Post of this minute arab state, have, according to agreement with the U.P.U., issued for sale nine stamps. The Olympic champions, the Soviet LUSIS (javelin), the Australian DOUBELL (800 m.), the Americans MATSON (weights), TOOMEY (decathlon), DAVENPORT (110 m. hurdles) and the Kenyan TEMU (10'000 m.) establish the motifs for this series. Two other stamps representing a basketball match. First day of issue: 14th November 1968

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